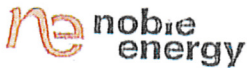


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Mr. Eric D. Millage  
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RE: **Surface Exception Location Consent**  
**MILLAGE C12-31D**  
Township 4 North, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 11: SE/4NE/4  
Weld County, CO

Dear Mr. Millage:

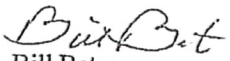
Noble Energy, Inc. ("Noble") plans to drill the MILLAGE C12-31D well (the "Well") at the referenced location which is more specifically described as 2,132 feet FNL and 455 feet FEL which is outside the drilling window prescribed in Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission ("COGCC") Rule 318A.a.(1).

By signing this letter you hereby grant your consent to Noble to locate the Well outside of a GWA window as defined in COGCC Rule 318A.a.

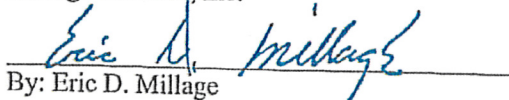
Noble hereby agrees that it will not drill the Well until you, as the Surface Owner, and Noble have entered into a Surface Use Agreement and the consideration therefore has been paid by Noble.

We would like to thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions do not hesitate to call me at (970) 785-5000.

NOBLE ENERGY, INC.

  
Bill Betson  
Senior Land Negotiator

Millage Brothers, Inc.

  
By: Eric D. Millage

Date: 2-13-09